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PATENT

In re application of: Sasaki

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Title: PUSH SWITCH DEVICE

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AMENDMENT A

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated February 22, 2005. Please amend the above-identified patent application as indicated in the following pages.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

member, only resin dust, not metallic dust, may be produced. Such resin dust may be advantageous to avoid short-circuiting the switch, as opposed to metallic dust which can cause a short circuit.

Nation, Latwesen, Reed, and Valenzona have been reviewed, and found not to teach or suggest the above-identified claimed features. Therefore, current independent claim 4 is believed to be allowable over the cited art.

In view of the foregoing, independent claims 1, 3, and 4 and their dependent claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

IV. CONCLUSION

Applicant believes that all pending claims are in condition for allowance, and respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance at an early date. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 510-663-1100, ext. 245.

Respectfully submitted,
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